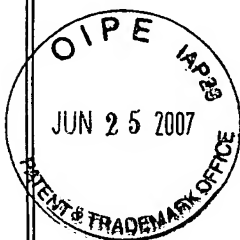


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In an image compression method, there is provided at least one display image comprising pixels each including color attribute data separated into upper bits and lower bits. The lower bits of the color attribute data for each pixel of the display image are eliminated. The upper bits of the color attribute data are extracted for each pixel of the display image. The upper bits of the color attribute data for each pixel of the display image are combined together to thereby compress the display image.